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## DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUB ORGANIZED

TO PROVIDE SUSTENANCE FOR THE STARVING CHILDREN OF BELGIUM--THE NEED IS MOST URGENT.

## MRS. MAXWELL IS CHAIRMAN

Clubs and Societies All Asked to Co-operate in this Great Humanitarian Project.

The ladies of Paw Paw are forming a "Dollar-a-month" club for the relief of Belgian children. This movement is nation wide. The Belgian children are starving, wasting away from hunger, and the end will be death for thousands unless there is prompt assistance. The state of Michigan has been asked to care for the 130,000 children in the city of Brussels. One dollar a month will furnish one meal a day for one child. Hence the "dollar-a-month" club idea. The state committee is headed by Governor Sleeper, and made up of prominent and patriotic people in every section of the state. Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane of Kalamazoo has charge of this district, and she has appointed Mrs. J. C. Maxwell local chairman. Mrs. Maxwell is getting the preliminary steps for organization in this great movement well in hand. She asks the co-operation and assistance of all the clubs, societies, lodges, churches, schools and in fact every person in the community is urgently requested to assist in this humanitarian project. Paw Paw has never been found wanting yet in any progressive movement, neither have we ever turned a deaf ear to the cries of the needy, and we will not do it this time.

One of the ladies clubs of the village has already dispensed with refreshments and prizes at its meetings and will care for two children. Other clubs are doing likewise. The lodges will help, and in fact it is expected that every one will in some way contribute something in this great movement. Mrs. Maxwell will be pleased to explain the plans to any one who may like to know them. Prompt and efficient co-operation is needed, and at once. Heed the call and ask Mrs. Maxwell just what she would have you do. Ladies all over the land are doing their part to win a victory in this great conflict. Don't wait to be asked personally to do something, but take the initiative and be one of the boosters.

Miss Mildred Flagler was united in marriage with Roy Steele of Decatur on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. E. W. Smith, in the presence of Mrs. Flagler, mother and Delila sister of the bride and Mr. Nevell, a friend of the groom and his grandfather. The happy couple left at once for Decatur where a nice home already furnished awaits them. The bride has lived in Paw Paw for a number of years, and during that time has endeared herself to all who knew her. The True Northerner joins her host of friends in felicitations.

Following are among those from away who came to attend the funeral of the late James McLeod last week: Messrs. and Mesdames Wallace Burson, Roe Smith, Steve Frank and Henry Frank all of Schoolcraft; Messrs. and Mesdames A. J. Klose, Will Stafford of Kalamazoo, and Mrs. E. H. Lewis of Bellevue.

The "Fashion Party" at the last meeting of the Lady Maccabees proved a very enjoyable affair and the beautiful hats and wraps from the Paw Paw stores displayed upon living models proved our town has everything to be desired in fashionable apparel.

The Men's League of Paw Paw went to Lawrence Wednesday evening to meet with the citizens of that village to boost the Tabernacle campaign to be inaugurated there. The High School Band accompanied them and a most enjoyable and profitable trip was reported.

## EATON AND MOSIER CELEBRATE SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Eaton and Mosier advertise an "Anniversary Appreciation" sale at their store on Friday and Saturday of this week. To-day, Friday, is the second anniversary of their business in Paw Paw. They appreciate the patronage that has been extended to them, and are proud of their growth during the two short years of the firm's existence. The "ad" this week will be interesting reading.

## SOMETHING FOR NOTHING AT THE LAVERTY STORE.

During these strenuous times when the H. C. L. stares one in the face at every turn, an opportunity to get something for nothing is worth looking after. Laverty's "ad" in this issue explains his generous offer and a glance in his window at the store reveals the articles he proposes to give away. The store should have a liberal patronage in consideration of the gift.

## MRS. EMMA BATHRICK PASSED AWAY HERE LAST SATURDAY.

Mrs. Emma Bathrick passed away at her home in Paw Paw last Saturday, April 14th, after several years of poor health. Her maiden name was Emma Pierce, the eldest daughter of George and Mary Ann Pierce. She was born in Lisle, Broome county, N. Y. on June 21st, 1846. At the age of fifteen she went to Jeddo, Orleans county N. Y. where she remained until the age of twenty-five, when she was united in marriage with E. C. Bathrick of Paw Paw and came here to live. In December 1914, she was left a widow. She leaves to mourn her death, two daughters, Mrs. H. C. McHardy and Mrs. W. H. George, both of Paw Paw; Two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Merchant of Jeddo, N. Y. and Mrs. George Jackson of Paw Paw and one brother, D. H. Pierce of Holland, Michigan. The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday afternoon and interment made in Prospect cemetery.

## STORK GAINS ON REAPER.

The Bulletin of Vital Statistics issued monthly by the Department of State reports a total of 2,355 deaths in Michigan during the month of February, and 6,758 visits from the Stork during the same period of time.

"Reel Life" shown at the Idle Hour every Tuesday evening are the most instructive features ever shown on the screen. If you have not seen some of the features of "Reel Life" you have missed a great treat.

The Third Division of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid society will be entertained at the home of Mrs. M. D. Buskirk on Friday afternoon of this week. Bring thimbles.

Fred Sowie, proprietor of the Paw Paw vulcanizing Co., states that all rubber goods are on the verge of another sharp advance, and that now is the time to order auto tires for the summer. He handles the Double Fabric Tires and the U. S. Tire all recognized as the best on the market. It will be to your advantage to see Fred right away if you have not already ordered your tires.

S. R. Ketchum of Kalamazoo district agent for the Citizen's Mutual Auto Insurance company of Howell, Michigan was in Paw Paw on Tuesday. Guy F. Warner is local agent for the company and is running an "ad" in these columns. You can't afford to be without auto insurance, and if you do not already have a policy, see Guy.

While spading in the yard one day this week, LaRue Mosier found an old copper penny under the sod that bore the date of 1844. It is nearly the size of a half dollar and from its appearance has lain there for many years.

S. O. Kenyon, H. L. McNeil, Charles Young and Frank Quintieri went to Detroit Wednesday to inspect the property being sold by the John P. Hehl Real Estate company of Detroit. This firm is represented here by Gordon Christie, general travelling agent.

A useful gift is always acceptable, save your purchase slips and see how easy it is to secure one. Read our ad. Laverty's Variety Store. (adv)

## WHAT THE HEADLINES SAY

Headlines Clipped from the Metropolitan Dailies just as we go to Press

French seize 17,000 of foe and 75 Huge Guns; Keep up their advance in face of great counter attacks.

Russia is firm; Will not accept German offer. New Government is ready to turn down all peace offers.

British Hail America as World Savior; Both houses of Parliament give formal greeting to the new Fighter.

Middle West Fights while the East talks; Illinois leads with 236 recruits. Indiana is Third.

Wilson's Conscription Plan loses in House Committee, carries in Senate Body; President to take fight to the floor.

Deny Reports of Cannonade off Cape Cod; Boston navy officials flout rumor that guns were heard.

Ten Thousand Dollars in a day in Detroit for Red Cross; Detroit's contribution to the Red Cross Campaign took a \$10,000 leap Wednesday.

Allies Nearing Key Positions; Make steady advance all along the German Line.

Fourteen Civilian Camps designated by U. S. and officials called; Michigan men are ordered to report at Fort Sheridan; Course of instruction to begin May 8th; Sites will be used for the ranks later; No pay is provided.

House Passes bill to guard Anthem; Measure barring the playing in Michigan of the Star Spangled Banner as a part of any Medley finally wins.

Foreign Countries to Recruit Here; Webb bill to permit foreign Nations at war with Germany to recruit their citizens in this country passes Congress without roll call.

British May fly Union Jack with Old Glory; For the first time in history a foreign flag will fly with the Union Jack of England over Westminster Friday.

House Passes Part Suffrage; When Governor Sleeper affixes his signature to the bill, the women of Michigan will have the right to vote in Presidential primaries.

Women ask Crop aid of teachers; Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane wires School Commissioners for assistance. Would have rural pedagogues test corn and disinfect oats for farmers.

Cheerfully give Boys for service; Mothers and Fathers send sons to recruiting office with tearful consent.

Detroit to hear Belgian Appeal; Madame Dupriez, who faced guns on firing squad, to bring plea for food to save the starving Belgian children.

## WILL ORGANIZE COMPANY

Meeting in Weston Block To-night

The patriotic young men of Paw Paw are getting ready to do their part in the world struggle before us. They announce a meeting for this (Friday) evening at half past seven o'clock in the Weston block for the purpose of organizing a company of soldiers. Of course at this time it would not be really an enlistment, because there will be no recruiting officer present. It is simply a patriotic move on the part of the young men to organize and start drilling, so that when the call is made for Michigan troops, they will be ready. All young men of Paw Paw and vicinity who are over 18 years of age are urged to be present. Married men of course are not eligible for enlistment at this time, but their presence is also urged at the meeting to assist the boys in getting the company organized. It is expected that many of the married men of the community will join the company temporarily, meet with the boys for drill, and lend their assistance in any way that will help the project along. The best young men of the village have started this movement. It should meet with prompt and cheerful response not only by the single men who are eligible for enlistment, but by every loyal citizen of Paw Paw. Let there be a big attendance then at this meeting at the Weston Block tonight at half past seven o'clock.

W. G. Epley and family of the hotel Dyckman took an auto trip to Charlotte on Wednesday.

Roy Harrington has entered the employ of the local branch of the Michigan Butter company and will have charge of the milk route.

George H. Bowen, brother of Mrs. W. H. Gorton of this place died suddenly in Chicago on Tuesday. He is well known here, and news of his death came as a great shock to his friends.

Roll Harris of Hamilton passed away at his home in Hamilton township last Friday, aged seventy-two years. His widow's maiden name was Hattie Jacobs and well known here. He leaves two daughters. The funeral was held at Lawrence on Sunday. Mrs. Jesse Barton of this place was in attendance.

## EMERY GAVE SUPERVISORS VERY PATRIOTIC GREETING.

Emery Ball, the genial and efficient janitor and general caretaker at the court house gave the Board of Supervisors a patriotic reception when they convened in special session last week. Their room was tastily decorated with American flags, and presented a very pleasing appearance. His efforts were rewarded by many favorable comments of appreciation from the individual members.

## MRS. KILLEFER HOME FROM HER TRIP TO CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. William Killefer returned from her California trip last Saturday. She had a most delightful time, and reports her son Wade and family in excellent health and prospering. The grandson is about the most important piece of humanity in the whole state of California. His hair will be red, Mrs. Killefer says, and he has every indication of being a real base ball player. Wade is playing with Los Angeles in the Coast League this season, and he and Gail will not be home this summer. Wade is one of the few base ball players who has improved his long vacations when not playing. He has taken a full course in Osteopathy and when his base ball days are over will have a lucrative profession to fall back on.

## TAPS SOUNDS FOR LAWRENCE VETERAN ON MONDAY LAST.

John Shoemaker died of heart trouble at his home in Lawrence on Monday, after a brief illness of but a few hours. He was the father of Bessie Heckert, formerly of Paw Paw and well known here. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and frequently visited among his Paw Paw comrades. He was a good citizen and will be greatly missed by his friends and associates of so many years. He leaves one son of Lawrence.

## CHAIRMAN COLEMAN NAMES HIS STANDING COMMITTEES.

Supervisor Sheldon Coleman, chairman of the board announces the standing committees of the board for the ensuing year as follows:—

Footing Rolls—Full Board, L. H. Bolinger, Chairman.

Finance—Long, Palmer, Doyle, Brown and Slonaker.

Equalization—Brown, Bolinger, Kirby, Gaynor, Smith, Squier, Long, Heagy Apponment—Bowers, Palmer, Hoag, Burger, Scamehorn.

County Highways—Kirby, Burger, Smith, Slonaker, Doyle, Elkenburg, Turner, Bowers.

Claims, General—Slonaker, Burger, Pierce, Chase, Bowers, Smith.

Claims, Justice & Constable—Pierce, Gaynor, Scamehorn, Squier, Brown.

Rejected and Charged Back Taxes—Burger, Bowers, Doyle, Hoag, Burger.

Auditing Supt. of Poor Acts.—Doyle, Bolinger, Burge, Heagy, Scamehorn.

Settle with County Treasurer—Elkenburg, Palmer, Long, Kirby, Turner.

Salary of County Officers—Squier, Bowers, Heagy, Burge, Elkenburg.

County Buildings—Smith, Bolinger, Chase, Turner, Long.

Sheriff's Accounts—Gaynor, Slonaker, Squier, Burge.

Clerk's Accounts—Scamehorn, Bolinger, Doyle, Heagy.

Register of Deeds Accounts—Turner, Brown, Hoag, Kirby.

Printing—Heagy, Chase, Pierce, Palmer, Kirby.

Drains—Chase, Elkenburg, Gaynor, Hoag, Pierce.

Royal E. Decker, Sheldon Coleman, Clerk, Chairman.

Miss Lettie Williams and Fred Showerman were united in marriage by Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman at her residence on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Fred has built a nice little home on his place north of town, where the happy couple will be at home. The True Northerner joins in congratulations.

Word reached Paw Paw of the death of R. ev. L. D. Boynton in the hospital at Pontiac. Some twenty years ago, Mr. Boynton was a resident of Paw Paw, and preached here in the Free Will Baptist church. He leaves three sons.

The regular meeting of the Grange will be held Saturday, April 21st at 7:30 P. M. at the G. A. R. Hall. Come and discuss what the farmer can do for his country.

## GROWING OF FOOD A PATRIOTIC DUTY

COMMISSIONER E. V. ROOT MAKES APPEAL TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF VAN BUREN COUNTY.

## THEY CAN DO MUCH TO HELP

Liberal Cash Prizes Offered by Judge Des Voignes, an Incentive to Every Boy and Girl in Circuit.

Commissioner of Schools, E. V. Root makes a patriotic appeal to the schools of the county to do their part in the present crisis. His efforts are to be commended and cannot help but be productive of excellent results. Following is what the Commissioner says:—

"Webster defines patriotism as a passion which inspires one to serve his country and as service is varied in its nature and necessary in peace as well as in war, a citizen has a chance at all times to serve his country: However in times like the present, the expression takes on new life. We are inclined to connect the term with the military department only and this is entirely wrong. The past two years of the war has demonstrated that victory will finally come to the nations able to produce food enough to feed the army and the citizen population. America just entering the conflict is suffering now from a shortage of food and with the prospects of thousands of farm laborers being called to the colors the situation is serious enough to attract universal attention. Under these circumstances the farmer who works early and late to produce better than an average crop is a real patriot, whose services are hard to overestimate. In this national emergency the boys and girls can do much to help. Every school should have its organized Agricultural Club under State and National direction. To encourage this work Judge Des Voignes is offering some very unusual cash prizes. Parents should urge boys and girls to enter these contests."

## VAN BUREN COUNTY ON THE FRONTIER, SAYS MR. FARRANT.

To produce maximum crops per acre for 1917.

Under the present conditions, scarcity of labor, high priced seed etc. the demand will be greater than usual.

To meet this crisis every acre of corn should be planted from seed that has been tested.

Every acre of oats should be planted from seed that has been tested. Every bushel of potatoes to be planted should be treated for scab and black scurf.

Spray potatoes to insure against loss from bugs and blight.

Take extra precautions in spraying and other methods to control insects and diseases to insure against loss of the fruit crops.

The best variety of grains adapted to soil and locality should be planted. Vacant lots in villages and cities should be utilized for the growing of vegetables for the home.

The pupils in every school district in the county could test seed corn for the farmers in that district.

More interest in home canning and drying of fruits and vegetables that would eliminate waste.

Lime and fertilizer to maintain crop production as well as to increase it.

Every Grange, Gleaner, Farmers club and community club and organization could call special meetings to take up these problems.

Small neighborhood groups covering the whole county, farm owner, tenant and the help would band together in working out the best methods of insuring and producing the highest yield per acre.

The Van Buren Farmers Federation through the office of the County Agricultural Agent will upon request give you information on the above questions and earnestly solicits your co-operation in making possible the increased production in Van Buren County.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper of Kalamazoo were in Paw Paw on Tuesday.